

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and review

Minutes: December 15, 2015

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Acting Chairperson Thornton called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present were Acting Chairperson Thornton, and Commissioners Booth, Pearson, Walker and Filippi.

Also present were Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame Esq., Administrative Officer Kathy Hague and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

Absent from today's hearing were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Jackson, Sylvester and Richard.

Minutes: Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to accept the December 8, 2015, minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Blanket Variance 09-03C: Steve Denoyelle and Heather Daglieri, Esq., appeared for the State of RI Behavioral Health Developmental Disabilities Hospitals. Chief Octavio Vieira appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by

Commissioner Booth, to extend the previous variance deadline though December 31, 2016, to bring the outstanding fire alarm and sprinkler systems in BHDDH group homes into full compliance, with the stipulation that the Applicant must return to the Board in June 2016 with an updated status report. The State Fire Marshal's Office has no objection. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL#150122: Daniel J. Lazarz, Michael Carosotto and Scott Caron, appeared for the property 1150 Douglas Pike, Smithfield. ADSFM Derek Keene appeared for the Smithfield Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to accept the Applicant's proposed plan of action for the existing squash and racquetball courts. The Board granted the Applicant's request for a variance to omit automatic sprinklers and to install smoke detection for early occupant warning and limit combustible materials by the University Athletic Center Wellness Staff. The Smithfield Fire Marshal's Office has no objections to the above request. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150118: Community Preparatory School, for the property located at 148 Prairie Avenue, Providence. The Board was advised by the Providence Fire Marshal's Office that this facility was in compliance with RI Fire Safety Code. No hearing was needed. The file was closed.

APPEAL #150120: Steve Denoyelle and Heather Daglieri, Esq., appeared for the property located at 1 Metacom Avenue, Bristol.

Chief Octavio Vieira appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the Applicant a time variance until May 31, 2016 to allow this facility to remain in use. After May 31, 2016, this facility must be vacated. There was no objection from the State Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #140122A: Richard Kerbel, Kevin McGee and Eric Camiel, appeared for the property at 1675 Flat River Road, Coventry. Chief Deputy James Gumbley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant the Applicant a time variance of one hundred fifty (150) days for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system throughout this facility. The Board granted the Applicant a variance to omit automatic sprinklers from the gymnasium and auditorium areas of the facility. As a condition, the Applicant was directed to remove all bleachers from the gymnasium area of this facility with a limited occupancy. The Applicant was granted a variance to install partitions in the in the auditorium to limit the occupancy in this area to two hundred one (201) persons. The Board directed the Applicant to install two (2) new exits in the auditorium area and keep this area clean from all storage, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

- Old Business: None**
- Open Forum / Public Comment: None**
- Adjournment:**

Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker to adjourn the meeting at 1:42 P.M.